

# Pioneer Aggregates South Parcel Project Environmental Impact Statement



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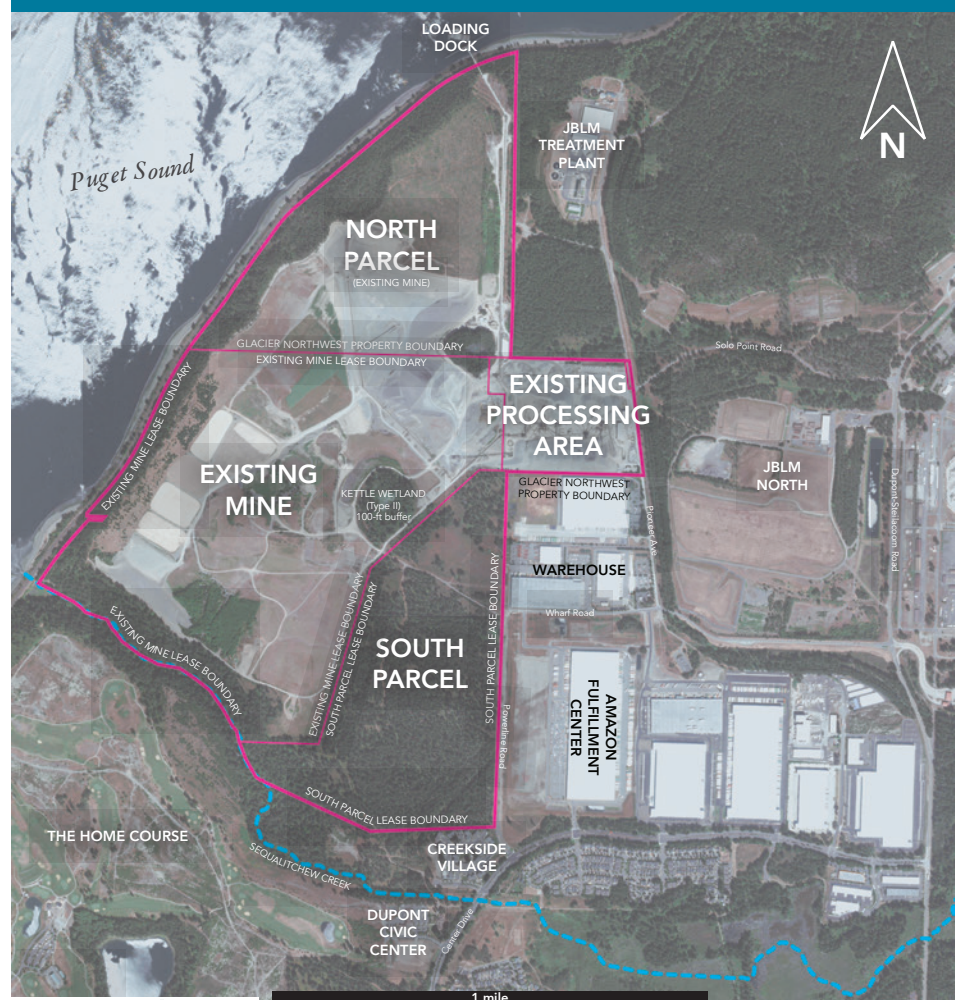
CalPortland, a building materials company producing cement and construction material products, is applying to expand the sand and gravel mining operations occurring at the Pioneer Aggregates Mine in the City of DuPont. The City of DuPont, as State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) lead agency, is overseeing preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts of CalPortland's permit application to expand mining to the South Parcel and at the existing mine.

The proposed project includes horizontal expansion of mining into approximately 188 acres previously undisturbed by mining (the South Parcel), and vertical expansion of approximately 125 acres where re-mining will deepen a portion of the existing Pioneer Aggregates Mine. In advance of the mining, the project proposes to install wells to intercept and pump groundwater to dry out gravel for mining. The intercepted groundwater would be reinfiltrated on the floor of the existing mine. This project is anticipated to extend mining at the current rate by approximately 14 years, subject to market conditions.

## PROJECT AREA

The South Parcel Project site is southeast of the existing Pioneer Aggregates Mine in DuPont. The site is within the City's designated Mineral Resource Overlay and is bordered to the north and west by the existing Pioneer Aggregates Mine, to the east by industrial/distribution facilities, and to the south by Sequatchew Creek and the Creekside Village residential development.

## AREA MAP



## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR EIS

PHASE	TIMING	ACTIVITY
Scoping	Sept. 17, 2021	<i>Issue Determination of Significance and Request for Comments on Scope of EIS</i>
	Oct.20, 2021	<i>Public/agency comments on EIS Scope due</i>
	November 2021	<i>Confirm EIS Alternatives and Environmental Elements</i>
Draft EIS	Early 2nd Quarter 2022	<i>Issue Draft EIS</i>
	Mid 2nd Quarter 2022	<i>Public comments on Draft EIS due</i>
Final EIS	Late 3rd Quarter 2022	<i>Issue Final EIS</i>

*Schedule subject to change.*

## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK BY OCT. 20

Agencies, tribes, and the public are invited to review and comment on the scope of the EIS, including alternatives, probable significant adverse impacts, mitigation measures, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. All comments received will be reviewed and considered in defining the scope of the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS is expected to be issued in early spring 2022.

***Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Oct. 20, 2021.***

### ***Submit comments online:***

[dupontwa.gov/619/  
Pioneer-Aggregates-Project-  
Portal](https://dupontwa.gov/619/Pioneer-Aggregates-Project-Portal)

### ***Email comments:***

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### ***Mail comments:***

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Comments that provide specific feedback regarding the issues and alternatives being analyzed by the EIS are especially helpful. Any comments will become public information and all Public Disclosure rules and regulations apply.

## LEARN MORE

All project documents, including application plans and reports, are posted online at [dupontwa.gov/621/  
Pioneer-Aggregates-Project-  
Documents](https://dupontwa.gov/621/Pioneer-Aggregates-Project-Documents).

## EIS ELEMENTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The City has preliminarily determined that the following elements of the environment will be included in the Pioneer Aggregates South Parcel Project EIS:

- Earth
- Air Quality
- Surface Water and Groundwater
- Fisheries
- Plants and Animals
- Noise
- Land and Shoreline Use
- Aesthetics
- Cultural Resources
- Transportation

## EIS ALTERNATIVES

The Alternatives that have preliminarily been identified for analysis in the Pioneer Aggregates South Parcel Project EIS include:

### **ALTERNATIVE 1**

**No Action Alternative** – Assumes no mining on the South Parcel within the context of existing conditions.

### **ALTERNATIVE 2**

**Proposed South Parcel Project (With Restored Sequalitchew Creek)** – Implementation of proposed South Parcel Project within the context of creek restoration.

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